

## **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

### **April 20, 2010**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 20, 2010 7 p.m.**  
**H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM**  
**TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET**  
**ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**Veterans Agent-Anton Materna**  
**MOS Wesley McPhee**  
**Rockland Call Firefighter 1942-1983**

**Mr. Johnson not present, he is out of town on a previous commitment.**  
**Mr. Chaffee, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Kimball and Mr. Minahan present.**

**~Dean of the BOS Mr. Chaffee chaired the opening of the meeting. He welcomed new BOS members Ed Kimball and Bill Minahan to the Board and wished them well.**

**~Mr. Chaffee lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the MOS for recently deceased Wesley McPhee a Rockland Call Firefighter for 41 years.**

- 1. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen**
  - ~MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan to nominate Mr. Chaffee as Chairman passed 4-0.**
  - ~MOTION by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan to nominate Ms. O'Brien as Vice Chairman, passed 4-0.**

## **OPEN FORUM**

**~Kevin Henderson former Rockland Fire Chief spoke regarding Wes McPhee and the service and dedication he gave to the Town of Rockland.**

**~Melinda Paul spoke regarding the Teen Center, and the programs they run through efforts of the volunteers. The program runs through donations and without appropriation in the budget. The membership and event fees help defray the cost of operating the program.**

**~ Jim Paul, Chairman Historical Commission spoke regarding the establishment of the GAR Hall. He also spoke about the upcoming program “The Great Hurricane of 1938” to be held on April 22, and plans for the presentation regarding the History of the South Weymouth Naval Air Station in May.**

**Mr. Johnson was not in attendance, Mr. Chiocca suggested items #2, #3 and #4 be tabled.**

**~MOTION by Ms. O’Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee to tabled the minutes, passed 2-0-2(Kimball and Minahan abstained).**

- 2. Executive Session Minutes of April 5, 2010- Tabled**
- 3. Executive Session Minutes of March 1, 2010-Tabled**
- 4. Executive Session Minutes of March 15, 2010-Tabled**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5. Sidewalk Project public hearings -4/28 5:30 pm & 5/5 11am**

**Mr. Chiocca announced preliminary public hearing would be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Town Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and learn about the project. Residents and businesses will have the opportunity to comment at either hearing.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6. Change of Manager “99” Restaurant**

**~MOTION to approve the change of Manager at the 99 Restaurant & Pub located at 2 Accord Park to Michael R. LeConti, by Ms. O’Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 4-0.**

**7. ADA Commission Appointments-Thomas Ruble**

**MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball to appoint Building Inspector Thomas Ruble to a 2 year position on the newly formed ADA Commission, passed 4-0.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

***-Re-open Annual Town Meeting Warrant***

**Town Counsel Clifford explained the need to re-open the Annual Town Warrant to add an Article to reconfirm the park and school properties delineations in the area of the new school construction project.**

**MOTION to open ATM by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0**

**MOTION to insert article in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball .**

To see if the Town will vote, on a confirmatory basis, to approve the continued use of portions of the area known as Memorial Park currently designated for use as school buildings and related structures, for the construction of new and renovated school buildings and related structures, and the educational purposes incidental to school buildings as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Rockland Public Schools -Memorial Park, dated April, 2010"; and to authorize the Town to petition the Legislature to adopt a Special Act confirming the vote of Town Meeting authorizing the foregoing continued use of the designated property for school purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommendation at Town Meeting

**MOTION passed 4-0.**

**MOTION to close the ATM by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball passed 4-0.**

**Mr. Chiocca continued correspondence and report**

**~announced the Youth Commission is open this year**

**~reminded all annual reappointment applications are due for committees and board**

**~ congratulated Chief John Llewellyn, Officer Sue Llewellyn and Lt. Nick Zeoli for completing the Boston Marathon.**

**~updated the BOS on the condition of former Selectman John Ward**

**~the SSTTDC is looking for an advisory board appointment from Rockland**

**~ read Memorial Day Parade announcement**

**~MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of Ruth Gobeil from the COA by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball passed 4-0.**

**~MOTION to approve request for a July 4 Block party on Stanton Street with approval of Police and Fire Departments by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kimball passed 4-0.**

**~Read letter from the RITE Union of donation of microwave to Town Hall.**

**~Reminded the BOS of upcoming parade for the opening of Girls Softball and the little League Season on Saturday.**

**~mentioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cadogan's Run on May 22.**

**~announced Annual Letter Carrier Food Drive for the Food Pantry**

**~announced Eagles Club clothing drive of May 15, 2010**

## **SELECTMEN’S COMMENTS**

**Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.**

### **Mr. Kimball**

**~Thanked the people for his recent election and has been meeting with departments to learn more about the towns.**

### **Mr. Minahan**

**~Thanked his supporters and looks forward to the challenges ahead.**

**~Discussed the Fire Chief Search and policies for new hires.**

### **Ms. O’Brien**

**~Thanked Mr. Zupkofska for his service to the town.**

**~Thanked Mr. Simpson for his leadership and guidance as Chairman.**

**~Looks forward to working with Mr. Kimball and Mr. Minahan.**

**~Congratulated Lt Zeoli, Chief Llewellyn and Officer Llewellyn for completing the Boston Marathon.**

**~Mentioned attending the “Fallen Heros” quilt ceremony at the State House at the request of Mrs. O’Haire.**

**~Wished John Ward well.**

**~Invited residents to the Sidewalk grant hearing**

**Chairman Chaffee**

**~Thanked Mr. Simpson and Mr. Zupkofska for their service to the town.**

**~discussed the recent lockdown of the High School and the notification process.**

**~Discussed the BAT Bus meeting and the possible change of schedule for services in Rockland.**

**~announced the naming ceremony the Town Forest**

**~mention Eagle Scout award for Ryan Burns on May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Announce K-9 fundraiser on May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**MOTION to go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations with union personnel by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed by Roll Call vote 4-0. Not to reconvene.**

**Meeting ended at 8:14PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION for  
E1. Grievance hearing Rockland Firefighters FG 2010-2**

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**Allan R. Chiocca  
Town Administrator**

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**Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice-Chair  
for the Board of Selectmen**

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